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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No gruel centres are proposed to be opened in Malabar exclusively for the unemployed handloom workers. But, four such centres are proposed to be opened in big urban weaving centres for the old and infirm weavers and their children in addition to the five centres already functioning in the district."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Is it a fact that the Government passed orders that gruel centres should be opened in towns only and, if so, are the Government aware of the fact that it deprives the unemployed handloom weavers of this benefit, who live in thousands in suburbs of towns, for example, suburbs of Cannanore, Tellicherry, etc., and places where the hereditary handloom weavers live, and will the Government be pleased to open gruel centres in Malabar wherever they are found to be absolutely necessary by changing the Government Order?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I said that gruel centres were being opened only in urban areas and they would cater only to the old, the infirm and the children, and not to the able-bodied."

Opening of a Sub-Registrar's office at Inkollu village, Bapatla taluk.

*130 Q.—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state whether any request of the inhabitants of the village of Inkollu in Bapatla taluk in Guntur district is made recently for the opening of the office of a Sub-Registrar at the place, and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" Yes. The Government have asked the Inspector-General of Registration to bring forward the proposal as a Part II scheme for 1954-55."

Famine conditions in Attappady Valley, Walluvanad taluk.

*131 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any reports about the famine conditions in Attappady Valley of Walluvanad taluk, Malabar district; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The Government consider that no special outlay on distress relief is necessary in Malabar district as that district has had a normal season for 2 or more years in the past and a bad season now cannot mean that degree of distress which

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would necessitate provision of employment on the Government works except to the extent of readjusting activity in the district so that normal works are mosly concentrated in bad patches."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Is it a fact that there was a proposal to take up road construction work in Attappady Valley as a famine relief measure and that it was deferred? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir. The Collector is watching the situation and if the need arises, we will take up the work."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" మంత్రిగారు ఇచ్చిన సమాధానంలో, రెండుమూడు సంవత్సరాలు పంటలు సరిగాఉండి, తరువాత సంవత్సరం పంటలు పోయినప్పటికి కరువు పనులు ప్రారంభింపబడవు అని చెప్పారు. అంటే రాయలసీమలో వలెనే కరువు కాటకాలు వరుసగా కొన్ని సంవత్సరాలపాటు ఉండవలెనా ? " 9-10 p.m.

MR. SPEAKER :—" Is it about Rayalaseema? "

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU : —" It is mere comparison, రాయలసీమలో వలె ప్రతి సంవత్సరం కరువు, కాటకాలు తాండవిస్తుంటేనే కాని famine works ప్రారంభించరా అని అడుగుతున్నాను."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " What I said was that priority was given to areas where there had been continuous drought for 5 or 6 years. In cases where there had been famine only for a year or two, it was not treated as abnormally bad, but all the same some relief was given. If more relief was not given to places where there had been continuous drought, my hon. Friend's suffering would have been more."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" ఈ వచ్చే సందర్భం, వచ్చే సంవత్సరం, ఆ ముందు సంవత్సరంకూడా వర్షాలు పడక కరువు కాటకాలతో ప్రజలు బాధపడుతుంటేనేకాని famine works ప్రారంభించరా? రాయలసీమలో కలిగిన అనుభవాలనైనా దృష్టియందుంచుకొని వెంటనే famine works ప్రారంభిస్తారా ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " Where the drought was for a continuous period, and was also acute, more relief was given. Where it was only for a year or two, we do not rush help on a large scale as we do in other areas."

Community Projects.

131-A Q.—SRI D. DASARATHAN (on behalf of Sri A. Rathinam) : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) what are the functions of Community Projects;

(b) how many Gazetted Officers are employed; and

(c) how many of them are Harijans?